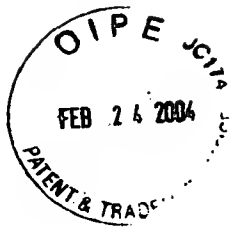


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

--A method for suppressing differentiation of undifferentiated blood cells in vivo by contacting the cells in vitro with a serrate-1 peptide, thereby suppressing differentiation of the cells.--